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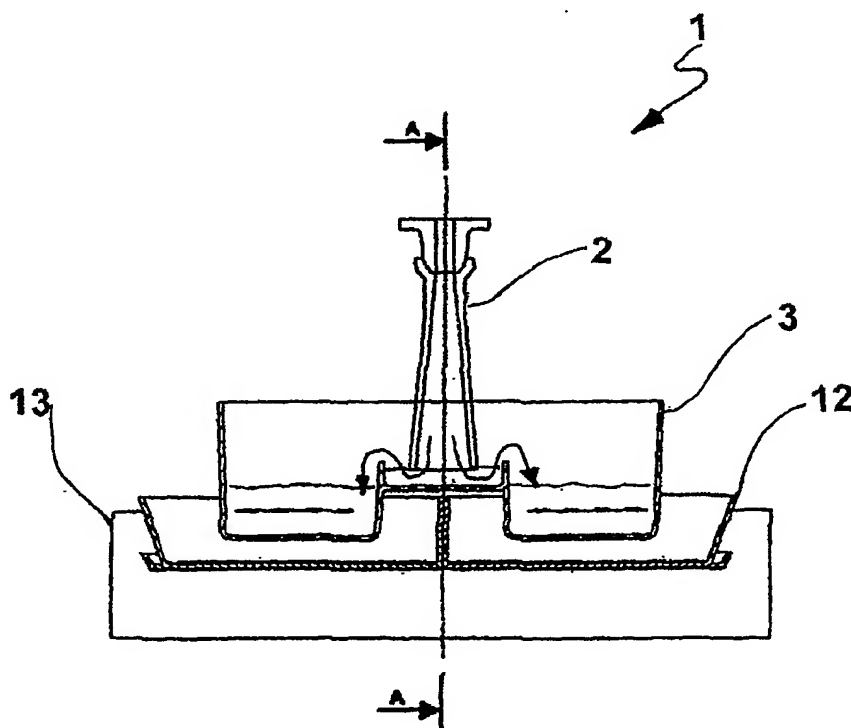
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(57) Abstract: A drop feeder (1) for feeding molten metal into an ingot mould (15) comprises a distributor (3) having a substantially prismatic shape, with one of the faces open, in which the inside of the distributor comprises three tanks (4, 5, 6), separated by walls (7, 8) functioning as weir for the molten metal poured into the intermediate tank (5). There are provided slots (10) arranged on the faces of the distributor (3) for emptying of the molten metal from the distributor into the ingot mould or into a second distributor.



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